

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 5. The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figures 5 and 6, replaces the originally filed Sheet 3 of the drawings.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

### **REMARKS**

Claims 21-37 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the specification and drawings to correct various informalities. Claims 1-20 have been canceled and Claims 21-37 are newly presented. Bases for the amendments and support for the new claims can be found throughout the application, claims and drawings as originally filed and as such, no new matter has been presented.

### **NEWLY PRESENTED CLAIMS**

Applicant notes that Claims 21-37 are presented herein in an attempt to more specifically point out and precisely claim Applicant's invention.

### **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group 1, which is directed to a vehicle driveline component, without traverse. Applicant notes that claims directed to subject matter of Group 2 have been canceled and that all of the newly presented claims (i.e., Claims 21-37) are directed to a vehicle driveline component.

### **RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims directed to Species 1 (represented by Figure 7). Applicant submits that Claims 21-23, 28-33 and 35-37 are generic and that Claims 24, 25, and 34 read on the elected species (Species 1).

#### **SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

In his review of the present application, the undersigned attorney noted several informalities in the originally filed specification. Accordingly, Applicant presents herewith a substitute specification correcting these informalities. Applicant notes that material inserted to the specification is underlined and that material deleted from the specification has been either struck out or double bracketed in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.125. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification (i.e., the substitute specification) does not add new matter.

#### **DRAWINGS**


In his review of the present application, the undersigned attorney noted an informalities in the originally filed drawings. More specifically, reference numeral 66 was used twice in Figure 5. Accordingly, Applicant has attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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